

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form SC 13D/A  
December 22, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**SCHEDULE 13D**  
**(Amendment No. 10)**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

6359 06 100

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
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November 16, 2009

(Date of Event Which Required Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box:

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Ira Sochet

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

4

PF, WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 681,777

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH REPORTING 9

PERSON 681,777

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

681,777

12

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

o

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.97%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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This amendment to Schedule 13D (the Amendment ) is filed as Amendment No. 10 to the Statement on Schedule 13D, dated November 16, 2009 (the Schedule 13D ), filed on behalf of Ira Sochet (the Reporting Person ) relating to the common stock of National Healthcare Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

This Amendment reflects changes in the Schedule 13D, as amended, such changes being more fully reflected in Item 5 below.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

(a) As of the close of business on November 16, 2009, the Reporting Person beneficially owned an aggregate of 681,777 shares of Common Stock, which constituted approximately 4.97 percent of the 13,682,787 shares of Common Stock outstanding on November 4, 2009, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009. The 681,777 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person consist of 641,330 shares of Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person, 32,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the 127,552 shares of the Issuer's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock owned by the Reporting Person, and 8,447 shares of Common Stock owned by Investors Risk Advantage L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

(b) The Reporting Person has the sole power to vote or direct the vote, and the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, all the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by him.

(c) The following table sets forth all transactions in Common Stock affected by the Reporting Person since October 19, 2009. All of such transactions were open market transactions effected through brokers.

Date	Number of Shares Sold	Approximately Price Per Share
10/19/2009	2,000	\$ 37.14
10/21/2009	3,050	\$ 37.21
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	66	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	300	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Approximately Price Per Share</b>
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 36.88
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	100	\$ 37.09
10/22/2009	34	\$ 37.00
10/26/2009	100	\$ 36.20
10/26/2009	200	\$ 36.20
10/27/2009	1,000	\$ 36.53
10/28/2009	78	\$ 36.00
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.14
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.12
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.11
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.00
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.15
10/28/2009	178	\$ 36.00
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.18
10/28/2009	2,122	\$ 36.00
10/28/2009	3,000	\$ 36.00
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.14
10/28/2009	100	\$ 36.18
10/28/2009	22	\$ 36.15
10/29/2009	100	\$ 36.30
10/29/2009	400	\$ 36.39
10/29/2009	100	\$ 36.26
10/29/2009	100	\$ 36.39
10/29/2009	16	\$ 36.30
10/29/2009	200	\$ 36.27
10/29/2009	100	\$ 36.26
10/29/2009	40	\$ 36.30
10/29/2009	144	\$ 36.30
10/30/2009	58	\$ 35.94
10/30/2009	100	\$ 35.94
10/30/2009	12	\$ 35.94
10/30/2009	500	\$ 35.94
10/30/2009	82	\$ 35.94
10/30/2009	248	\$ 35.94
11/2/2009	400	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Approximately Price Per Share</b>
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.17
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.17
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.17
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	400	\$ 37.15
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.10
11/2/2009	200	\$ 36.09
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.10
11/2/2009	47	\$ 37.26
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.21
11/2/2009	800	\$ 37.19
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.19
11/2/2009	600	\$ 37.20
11/2/2009	300	\$ 37.08
11/2/2009	600	\$ 37.10
11/2/2009	28	\$ 37.25
11/2/2009	400	\$ 37.19
11/2/2009	300	\$ 37.10
11/2/2009	100	\$ 37.05
11/2/2009	300	\$ 37.10
11/2/2009	200	\$ 37.19
11/2/2009	1,000	\$ 37.08
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.16
11/3/2009	100	\$ 37.07
11/3/2009	100	\$ 36.99
11/4/2009	800	\$ 37.16
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	1,100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.21
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.11





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11/5/2009	95	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	3	\$ 36.78
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	61	\$ 37.12
11/5/2009	200	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	39	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.25
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.10
11/5/2009	200	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 36.98
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	400	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.12
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	95	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	300	\$ 36.98
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.18
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	10	\$ 37.21
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	61	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	39	\$ 37.10
11/5/2009	200	\$ 36.78
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.15
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.11
11/5/2009	100	\$ 37.17
11/5/2009	97	\$ 36.78
11/6/2009	200	\$ 37.39
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.39



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11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/6/2009	500	\$ 37.39
11/6/2009	200	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	400	\$ 37.29
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.29
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	23	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.20
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.19
11/6/2009	200	\$ 37.29
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	95	\$ 37.27
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	99	\$ 37.25
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.25
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.29
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	16	\$ 37.32
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	42	\$ 37.20
11/6/2009	200	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.19
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.20
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.31
11/6/2009	47	\$ 37.34
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.19
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.20



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Date	Number of Shares Sold	Approximately
		Price
		Per Share
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.30
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.24
11/6/2009	100	\$ 37.20
11/6/2009	120	\$ 37.25
11/9/2009	400	\$ 37.35
11/9/2009	72	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.35
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.35
11/9/2009	400	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	600	\$ 37.40
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	600	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.35
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	400	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	450	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	500	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	4,600	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Approximately Price Per Share</b>
11/9/2009	400	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	1,644	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.35
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	1,400	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	500	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	600	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	600	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	184	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	500	\$ 37.36
11/9/2009	300	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	200	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	1,050	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/9/2009	100	\$ 37.34
11/10/2009	800	\$ 37.41
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	5	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.38





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Date	Number of Shares Sold	Approximately
		Price
		Per Share
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	200	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	300	\$ 37.43
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	42	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.50
11/10/2009	75	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	200	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.44
11/10/2009	43	\$ 37.42
11/10/2009	1	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	300	\$ 37.43
11/10/2009	1,487	\$ 37.41
11/10/2009	27	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/10/2009	71	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	635	\$ 37.43
11/10/2009	73	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.50
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	200	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	29	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/10/2009	70	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	20	\$ 37.41
11/10/2009	186	\$ 37.43



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		Price
		Per Share
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	108	\$ 37.48
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	73	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	200	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	800	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/10/2009	200	\$ 37.38
11/10/2009	27	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	200	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	200	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	200	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	11	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.43
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.49
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.49
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	100	\$ 37.41
11/11/2009	99	\$ 37.49
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.25
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.25



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Approximately Price Per Share</b>
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.65
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.25
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/13/2009	100	\$ 36.64
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	29	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	26	\$ 37.39
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.40
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.37
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/16/2009	60	\$ 37.39
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	200	\$ 37.44
11/16/2009	800	\$ 37.40
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	17	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	400	\$ 37.40
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.37



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Sold</b>	<b>Approximately Price Per Share</b>
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	31	\$ 37.45
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.39
11/16/2009	100	\$ 36.72
11/16/2009	100	\$ 36.72
11/16/2009	100	\$ 36.72
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36
11/16/2009	100	\$ 37.36

(d) Not applicable.

(e) On November 16, 2009, the Reporting Person ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of Securities.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

December 21, 2009

/s/ IRA SOCHET  
Ira Sochet